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### DECEMBER 1 WHEAT STOCKS LOWER IN WASHINGTON AND UNITED STATES U. S. PULSE STOCKS ABOVE LAST YEAR

OLYMPIA, Wash., January 12, 2005--The total quantities of wheat stored in all positions, as of December 1, 2004 decreased from the previous year. Ray Garibay, Director for the Washington Agricultural Statistics Service, announced the results of a survey stating, "The quantity of wheat stored in Washington totaled 111.9 million bushels, a decrease of 1 percent from December 1, 2003."

Wheat stored on-farms in Washington on December 1, 2004 totaled 17.5 million bushels, up 4.5 million bushels from December 1, 2003. This is the largest on-farm wheat stocks since 2000. Wheat stored off-farms totaled 94.4 million bushels, a decrease of 5 percent from last year.

The quantity of wheat stored in the Pacific Northwest (Washington, Oregon and Idaho) on December 1, 2004 totaled 197.3 million bushels, up 1 percent from December 1, 2003. On-farm stocks totaled 54.0 million bushels, compared with 43.5 million bushels a year ago and off-farm stocks totaled 143.3 million bushels, a decrease of 6 percent from last year.

The quantity of wheat stored in all positions in the U.S. on December 1, 2004 totaled 1.4 billion bushels, down 6 percent from last year. On-farm stocks, at 531.0 million bushels, were 8 percent above 2003. Holdings off-farm were 899.7 million bushels, down 13 percent from a year ago.

Barley stored on-farm in Washington on December 1, 2004 totaled 2.0 million bushels, up 18 percent from 2003. The quantity of barley stored in all positions in the Pacific Northwest totaled 57.6 million bushels, up 34 percent from 2003. The U.S. total barley stocks increased from 197.9 million bushels in 2003 to 246.2 million bushels in 2004.

**Lentils** stored in all positions in the U.S. on December 1, 2004 totaled 2,626 thousand cwt, up from 1,233 thousand cwt in 2003. **Dry Edible Peas** stored in all positions in the U.S. on December 1, 2004 totaled 7,708 thousand cwt, up from 2,876 thousand cwt in 2003. **Chickpeas ( Garbanzo Beans)** stored in all positions in the U.S. on December 1, 2004 totaled 452 thousand cwt, up 8 percent from a year ago.

# GRAIN STOCKS: DECEMBER 1, 2003 , SEPTEMBER 1, 2004, & DECEMBER 1, 2004

Crop/ Quarter	Washington			Pacific Northwest 1/			United States		
	On-Farm	Off-Farm 2/	Total	On-Farm	Off-Farm 2/	Total	On-Farm	Off-Farm 2/	Total
	1,000 Bushels								
<b>Wheat</b>									
Dec. 1, 2003	13,000	99,761	112,761	43,500	151,967	195,467	491,925	1,028,359	1,520,284
Sep. 1, 2004	27,000	129,477	156,477	77,500	197,599	275,099	790,600	1,147,807	1,938,407
Dec. 1, 2004	17,500	94,353	111,853	54,000	143,339	197,339	531,020	899,718	1,430,738
<b>Barley</b>									
Dec. 1, 2003	1,700	8,245	9,945	16,900	26,038	42,938	97,200	100,679	197,879
Sep. 1, 2004	4,000	14,017	18,017	34,400	38,181	72,581	175,300	114,777	290,077
Dec. 1, 2004	2,000	9,787	11,787	26,400	31,194	57,594	130,700	115,476	246,176
<b>Oats</b>									
Dec. 1, 2003	*	230	*	*	1,077	*	64,400	54,900	119,300
Sep. 1, 2004	*	290	*	*	1,304	*	74,300	41,458	115,758
Dec. 1, 2004	*	307	*	*	1,137	*	60,400	44,563	104,963
<b>Corn</b>									
Dec. 1, 2003	*	9,028	*	*	11,938	*	5,286,000	2,667,775	7,953,775
Sep. 1, 2004	*	2,429	*	*	*	*	438,000	520,091	958,091
Dec. 1, 2004	*	12,389	*	*	*	*	6,144,000	3,304,798	9,448,798

1/ Includes Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

2/ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

\* Data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operation.

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